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## Social Support Survey Instrument

People sometimes look to others for companionship, assistance, or other types of support. How often is each of the following kinds of support available to you if you need it? Choose one number from each line.

| <b>Emotional/informational support</b>                                       | None of the time        | A little of the time    | Some of the time        | Most of the time        | All of the time         |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Someone you can count on to listen to you when you need to talk              | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| Someone to give you information to help you understand a situation           | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| Someone to give you good advice about a crisis                               | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| Someone to confide in or talk to about yourself or your problems             | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| Someone whose advice you really want   | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| Someone to share your most private worries and fears with                    | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| Someone to turn to for suggestions about how to deal with a personal problem | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| Someone who understands your problems  | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2 | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |

**Tangible support**

|  | None<br>of the<br>time  | A little<br>of the<br>time | Some<br>of the<br>time  | Most<br>of the<br>time  | All of<br>the<br>time   |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Someone to help you if you were confined to bed                    | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2    | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| Someone to take you to the doctor if you needed it                 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2    | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| Someone to prepare your meals if you were unable to do it yourself | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2    | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| Someone to help with daily chores if you were sick                 | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2    | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |

**Affectionate support**

|  | None<br>of the<br>time  | A little<br>of the<br>time | Some<br>of the<br>time  | Most<br>of the<br>time  | All of<br>the<br>time   |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Someone who shows you love and affection | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2    | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| Someone to love and make you feel wanted | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2    | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| Someone who hugs you                     | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2    | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |

**Positive social interaction**

|   | None<br>of the<br>time  | A little<br>of the<br>time | Some<br>of the<br>time  | Most<br>of the<br>time  | All of<br>the<br>time   |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Someone to have a good time with            | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2    | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| Someone to get together with for relaxation | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2    | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |
| Someone to do something enjoyable with      | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2    | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |

| <b>Additional item</b>   | None<br>of the<br>time  | A little<br>of the<br>time | Some<br>of the<br>time  | Most<br>of the<br>time  | All of<br>the<br>time   |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Someone to do things with to help you get your mind off things | <input type="radio"/> 1 | <input type="radio"/> 2    | <input type="radio"/> 3 | <input type="radio"/> 4 | <input type="radio"/> 5 |

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